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## Navy Medicine Joins City of San Antonio in 122 year-old Community Tradition

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**SAN ANTONIO** — Fiesta San Antonio has come a long way since it began in 1891 as a one-parade event where a group of ladies decorated horse-drawn carriages, paraded in front of the Alamo, and pelted each other with flower blossoms. That first parade was organized to honor the heroes from the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto.

Fast forward to 2013 where four Navy Medicine commands participated in 45 of more than 100 Fiesta events held across San Antonio in April as part of the annual Fiesta celebration — NMETC, Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC), Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity (NAVMISSA) and Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio (NAMRU-SA).

The annual Fiesta events and Navy Medicine participation have become a mainstay for Navy Recruiting and Navy community outreach efforts, said Capt. Gail Hathaway, NMETC commander.

“Fiesta is NRD San Antonio’s (NRD-SA) greatest public awareness and outreach effort and directly impacts Navy Medicine,” Hathaway said. “Navy recruiters are able to reach potential recruits for the Navy and Navy Medicine. Fiesta is also an opportunity for Navy Medicine and Navy Medicine education and training to show the public how we serve them and how we work to be good stewards of their tax dollars. We do this at Fiesta events like Navy Day.”

Navy Day was a free public event held April 23 in front of the historic Alamo in downtown San Antonio. Hospital corps school instructors from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC) at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston worked with Navy recruiters to provide the public and potential hospital corpsmen information about the Navy and Navy Medicine. Navy Day also featured demonstrations from Navy master at arms Sailors and military working dogs from the Master at Arms “A” School located at Navy Technical Training Center Lackland.

Eric Faulkner, a 24 year-old resident of nearby Schertz, Texas, who visited the local



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**SAN ANTONIO** — Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Gina Martinez, one of two Fiesta Navy Ambassadors, presents a Fiesta goer with a “Navy Medal.” Medals from civilian and military organizations are a mainstay and traded and handed out each year at Fiesta. The Navy Medal was designed and provided by Navy Recruiting and features a Navy recruiting message and the 1-800 Navy recruiting phone number.

Navy recruiting office the day before, said the Navy Day events had a positive impact on his desire to join the Navy.

“The Navy Day demonstrations were exciting,” said Faulkner, who has decided he wants to try to become an MA. “I was able to talk to instructors and students from the MA school. I left there with a lot more knowledge about the Navy and the master at arms career field. That extra knowledge made me more excited about starting a career in the Navy.”

Navy Day began with San Antonio Mayor Pro Tem Carlton Soules reading a proclamation declaring it Navy Day in San Antonio. San Antonio Native Rear Adm. “A. B.” Cruz, reserve deputy director, Maritime Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, led approximately 20 newly recruited Sailors in the enlistment oath. Then Rear Adm. Bill Roberts, deputy chief, BUMED M-7 and the commandant of the Medical Education &

Training Campus (METC) at Fort Sam Houston, reenlisted several Sailors stationed at San Antonio area commands.

Roberts said it’s events like Navy Day that are significant for creating Navy awareness.

“As a Global Force for Good, America’s Navy is making a difference in communities here in San Antonio and throughout Texas,” he told local Texans and military personnel attending Navy Day. “The importance of the Navy in safeguarding commercial waterways is critical to the state and national economy. It’s a chain reaction. The Navy makes it possible for U.S. and Texan goods to be delivered overseas, and for imports to reach our shores.”

All five military services selected two junior officers or enlisted personnel to represent

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## From the Commander...

### Captain Gail L. Hathaway, MSC

Commander  
Navy Medicine Education and Training Command

Welcome to the first issue of our new NMETC monthly newsletter. This publication is designed to share successes and to recognize excellence all across the NMETC Enterprise. Thanks to the NMETC Public Affairs team for spearheading this first issue!

The geographical separation of our commands, units and detachments presents us some unique communication challenges. As an enterprise spread across eight states, the fact is not lost on me or the senior leadership that we need to stay in touch. NMETC successfully touches every facet of the Navy. We recognize communication is a challenge and are committed to getting the word out to all levels of our organization.

#### Sexual Assault Prevention Month

April was Sexual Assault Prevention Month. Activities and awareness campaigns occurred all across NMETC. Our focus on sexual assault, however, must last longer than a month. I need your daily commitment. Prevention of sexual assault is an all hands effort for military and civilian personnel at both ends of the chain of command. I expect each of you to be a part of the solution to eliminating sexual assault. Here are a few points I want you to remember:

-Sexual assault is a crime; an attack on one of our own by one of our own. It must be

prevented. It will not be tolerated.

-The foundation of our operational effectiveness is resiliency and trust. Sexual assault ruins lives, divides teams and degrades operational effectiveness.

-Navy Medicine is working hard to prevent sexual assault, support the victims and hold offenders accountable.

#### Fiesta San Antonio

Fiesta San Antonio is held each year during the week of April 22 to celebrate the Battle of San Jacinto and remember the heroes of the Alamo. The majority of Fiesta events ran from April 18-28. NMETC and NMTSC played crucial roles in the overall success of Fiesta 2013. NMETC and NMTSC personnel participated in 45 of the more than 100 Fiesta events held across San Antonio.

These events included school and college visits, parades and festivals, and community and VIP receptions. Fiesta is Navy and Navy Medicine's greatest annual outreach effort in the San Antonio market and plays a major role in providing local Navy recruiters face-to-face contact with potential Navy and Navy Medicine recruits.

I'd like to congratulate and thank all those involved, including HM2 Gina Martinez, an NMTSC instructor. Petty Officer Martinez was one of two Fiesta Navy Ambassadors



selected to represent the Navy in San Antonio. The other Navy Ambassador was Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class William Cruz, a Key West, Fla., native from the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC).

I want to thank each of you for your continued efforts in meeting our mission. I recognize all you do for the Navy, Navy Medicine, and Navy Medicine Education and Training Command. Please take the opportunity to share your great spirit and hard work by sending in stories for the newsletter to Mr. Coffey or MC1 Cummins.

You are truly an inspiration to me, every day.

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#### The Surgeon General on Sexual Assault...

***"I take this issue very seriously, and I expect you to do the same. We will be a stronger military, a stronger Navy and a stronger Navy Medicine enterprise as we stand together to combat sexual assault crimes."***

**-Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan**  
Surgeon General of the United States Navy





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their service as military ambassadors, who attended several events a day throughout Fiesta. The events ranged from morning school and college visits to afternoon and evening parades and community receptions.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Gina Martinez, a San Antonio native and respiratory therapy instructor at the tri-service METC, and Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class William Cruz, a Key West, Fla., native from the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) in San Antonio, served as Navy Fiesta ambassadors.

"Fiesta was an experience I will never, ever forget," Martinez said. "I was able to see a different side of Fiesta I never experienced growing up in San Antonio. It was pretty awesome getting out there and representing the Navy and my command, and hearing people in the crowd yell, 'Navy! Navy!'"

"Our ambassadors were awesome representatives. All our Sailors were awesome representatives," said Hathaway. "I could not be more proud of them. It was nice to see the white Navy uniforms among the sea of Air Force blue and Army green in what has traditionally been an Army and Air Force community."

**SAN ANTONIO**—Rear Admiral Bill Roberts, deputy chief, BUMED M-7 and commandant of the Medical Education & Training Campus (METC) at Fort Sam Houston, and San Antonio Mayor Pro Tem Carlton Soules. Soules presented Roberts a city proclamation declaring it Navy Day in San Antonio.

(Below) **SAN ANTONIO** — Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Autumn Norrunner, a Military Working Dog (MWD) instructor at the 341st Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, serves as a "suspect" during the "bite" portion of a controlled aggression demonstration during Navy Day. The 341st is a joint program where MWD handlers from all services are trained.



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# NMOTC, NAMI Sailors Visit Pensacola State College English as a Second Language Course

*Navy Medicine Operational Training Center Public Affairs*

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Service members from the U.S. Navy's premier training facility for operational medicine and aviation survival training visited students in the Pensacola State College-offered English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course April 29.

Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) and Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI) Sailors and officers spent nearly three hours discussing their military experiences with students from China, Puerto Rico, India and other countries as part of a community outreach effort organized by NMOTC Staff Education and Training Leading Chief Petty Officer Chief Master-at-Arms (SW/EXW) Roger Tice.

"Participating in these sorts of outreach efforts is always worthwhile," he said. "These are individuals who are making an effort to better themselves, who are attending classes, learning a new language and working toward a goal. Being a small part of that and demonstrating what we as Sailors embody and represent as Americans is something I am happy to share with them."

The ESOL course, part of the Pensacola State College's Adult Basic Education program, is designed to assist adult learners in improving their basic skills and learn English as a second language to enable them to continue their education. The course is a non-credit/non-diploma course.

Pensacola State College Adult Education Program Coordinator Kathy Van Dyck said the NMOTC visit to the ESOL course served to highlight both the professionalism service members employ as well as the importance of the Navy's traditions and customs.

"This shows our students a firsthand opportunity to see a different kind of job opportunity if the military is something toward



U.S. Navy Photo

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** — Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Robert Crampton (right) and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Raynier Cruzborroto (left), both assigned to the Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC), help Veneica Vega from Puerto Rico fold an American flag during an NMOTC community outreach effort April 29 at an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class at Pensacola State College. NMOTC Sailors spent several hours with the ESOL students, demonstrating a flag folding ceremony and answering questions about Navy life, customs and traditions.

which they aspire," she said. "Having the personnel come and visit the classroom and students having the opportunity to ask questions and find out a little more about what a military career is like is invaluable. This experience could be the first they have with someone in the Navy, and the flag ceremony demonstrated a respect for the flag and everything it stands for."

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Robert Crampton and HM2 (FMF) Raynier Cruzbor-

roto demonstrated a flag folding ceremony as part of the visit for the nearly 50 students, explaining the significance of the ceremony and the flag after their presentation. The flag was presented to Pensacola State College Adjunct Level 4 Teacher Anne Cynkar, a retired Chief Petty Officer.

Cruzborroto, whose wife attends the ESOL Level 4 Course, said participating in this sort of community outreach effort is something he – as a Cuban born and now naturalized U.S. citizen – always appreciates.

"I love the opportunity to show off our country and our traditions and customs to other countries," he said. "Although I wasn't born here, I wear the uniform of a United States Sailor, and letting others see that is important. There are numerous things in the world that can sometimes paint a negative perception of the military and those who staff its ranks, but letting these students talk with us might show them what we're all about, and maybe one of these students will take the opportunity to join the U.S. military."



*(Left) PENSACOLA, Fla. - Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Robert Crampton (center) and HM2 (FMF) Raynier Cruzborroto (lower right) help Pensacola State College English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students fold the national ensign during an NMOTC community outreach effort April 29. NMOTC Sailors spent several hours with the ESOL students, demonstrating a flag folding ceremony and answering questions about Navy life, customs and traditions.*

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After the flag-folding ceremony, students returned to their respective classrooms, accompanied by visiting Sailors. Each group engaged in an open forum type discussion, soliciting questions and providing answers.

NMOTC, the recognized global leader in operational medical and aviation survival training, reports to Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC). NMETC manages Navy Medicine's formal enlisted and officer education and training programs, medical operational training for medical and medical support personnel deploying worldwide, and training that prepares aviators and flight crews to survive in land and water mishaps.

NMOTC and NMETC are all part of the Navy Medicine team, a global health care network of Navy medical professionals around the world who provide high-quality health care to more than 1 million eligible beneficiaries. Navy Medicine personnel deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ships, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.



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(Above) PENSACOLA, Fla. - Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF) Raynier Cruzborrotto salutes after passing the ensign to Pensacola State College Adjunct Level 4 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher and retired Chief Petty Officer Anne Cynkar April 29 during a community outreach effort. NMOTC Sailors spent several hours with the ESOL students, demonstrating a flag folding ceremony and answering questions about Navy life, customs and traditions.



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(Above) PENSACOLA, Fla. - Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Robert Crampton (left) helps Pensacola State College English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) student Joanie Ling from China fold the national ensign during an NMOTC community outreach effort April 29. NMOTC Sailors spent several hours with the ESOL students, demonstrating a flag folding ceremony and answering questions about Navy life, customs and traditions.



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(Above) PENSACOLA, Fla. - Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) staff salute during a Pensacola State College community outreach effort April 29. NMOTC Sailors spent several hours with the ESOL students, demonstrating a flag folding ceremony and answering questions about Navy life, customs and traditions.



# NMPDC Hosts Quarterly Speed Mentoring Fair

*From Navy Medicine Professional Development Center Public Affairs*

**BETHESDA, Md.** — Charting a career during uncertain times just got easier for Navy Medicine Professional Development Center (NMPDC) members when the command held a Speed Mentoring Fair for military and civilian staff in April.

A popular and growing program for NMPDC, this is the third quarterly speed mentoring event held and the first with a mentor invited from outside the command — HCMC Maria Fernandez, senior enlisted leader for the deputy commander for administration at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

Capt. Lee Cornforth, NMPDC commanding officer, kicked off the event, introducing Fernandez and explaining how mentoring has helped his career.

“During this event you can connect with many potential mentors who can help guide you and not just here,” Cornforth said. “Mentors can stay with you beyond today, perhaps the rest of your career and beyond. I stay in contact with mentors I met nearly 27 years ago at my first duty station. You are never too senior or too junior to benefit from mentors.”

Capt. Kathleen Michel, executive officer, said, “Mentoring exposes individuals to the different avenues to reaching goals, which should make it easier for them. Charting your career requires exposure to information and insights about programs and opportunities, and mentoring is congruent with NMPDC’s vision.”

Civilian employees sought mentoring from Mr. William Robinson, deputy, graduate medical education program.

“I gave my time in hopes that from my experiences and acquired knowledge that my colleagues, active and civilian, will be better able to achieve their career goals and improve the quality of life for themselves and their families,” said Robinson.

Capt. Glenn Munro, Director of NMPDC’s Naval Postgraduate Dental School (NPDS), and a mentor, also helped, speaking with participants on a wide variety of topics related to careers in dentistry and other clinical specialties.



U.S. Navy Photo by Cynthia Hilsinger

(Above) **BETHESDA, Md.** — Capt. Glenn Munro, (left), director of the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, spends time mentoring Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class William Acquah during the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center Speed Mentoring Fair held April 16.



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(Above) **BETHESDA, Md.** — HCMC(SW/AW) Maria Fernandez, Senior Enlisted Leader for Deputy Commander for Administration at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (left); Capt. Lee Cornforth, Commanding Officer NMPDC (center); and HCMC Peter Rona (right); cut the ceremonial cake to help kick off the NMPDC all-hands mentoring fair in April.



(left) **BETHESDA, Md.** — Chief Hospital Corpsman Albert Hance (front left) mentors Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Arnel Galapir (right) with pen in hand as he writes information. HMI Marcus Love (back left) speaks with Hospitalman Alexander Ruschetti (back right) a basic dental lab technician in his white coat.



## NMPDC Earns Third Retention Excellence Award

*From Navy Medicine Professional Development Center Public Affairs*

**BETHESDA, Md.** — The Navy Medicine Professional Development Center announced in April that the command earned the Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2012.

NMPDC also earned the Retention Excellence Award in 2009 and 2011.

To receive the award, a command must pass the rigorous Career Information Program inspection with a minimum score of 85 percent. NMPDC's score of 98 percent was one of the highest in Navy Medicine.

"Our Command Retention Team has been working hard to take care of our Sailors," said HMC (SW/AW/FMF) Albert Hance, NMPDC command career counselor. "Being proactive was one of the keys to success."

Retention is directly related to mentorship, command climate, involved leadership, clear standards and policies, and promotion of quality service.

"The Command Retention Team members made it their goal to mentor and take care of the Sailors," said HMCM Clint Garrett, NMPDC CMC. "It's ideal to keep Sailors educated about what the Navy has to offer, as well as the transition back to the civilian world."

Hance said NMPDC Chief Petty Officers, who serve as Senior Enlisted Leaders, make



*U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. Cmdr. B. M. Dennis*

**BETHESDA, Md.** - Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jessica Galleger with the Golden Anchor Retention Excellence Pennant. Galleger contributed to the command award when she re-enlisted in August.

themselves approachable and available to help in an effort to support command mentorship.

"Mentorship is vital," he said. "No one should ever be hesitant or afraid to ask their

chain of command or career counselor for assistance about their career. Sometimes, just letting Sailors know someone is concerned about their career is all that's needed to motivate them to reenlist and stay Navy."

## BUMED M85 Capt. Manual Naguit Retires



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**

— After a career spanning 33 years, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's Client Executive (M85), Capt. Manuel E. Naguit, MSC, retired during an April 29 ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

A native of Cavite City, Philippines, Naguit enlisted in the Navy in May 1980 as a Hospital Corpsman, was promoted to Petty Officer 1st Class in 1986 and went on to earn a commission as an ensign in the Medical Service Corps in 1989.

# CPO Birthday: Chiefs Bring Navy Tradition to San Antonio

Larry Coffey

Navy Medicine Education and Training  
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**SAN ANTONIO** — Chief Petty Officers from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC) conducted their second annual Navy white hat burial ceremony in April on board the Army/Air Force Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston as part of the celebration of the 120th CPO birthday.

NMTSC personnel support and teach Hospital Corps "A" school and basic and advanced medical courses to Navy, Army and Air Force enlisted students at the Fort Sam Houston-based tri-service Medical Education and Training Campus (METC).

The ceremony was held to recognize the CPO birthday and share CPO and Navy traditions with the staff, said HMCM(FMF) Shanon Best, NMTSC command master chief.

"Tradition is very closely related to our core values," Best said. "In itself, it's not a character trait or value. However, tradition is priceless to our Navy. It's the staff on which our core values of honor, courage and commitment are flown."

The solemn white hat burial ceremony featured five NMTSC CPOs serving as pall bearers for a coffin draped by the American flag and containing the Navy white hats of the 15 NMTSC CPOs promoted in 2012.

Honors were rendered, a bugler played Taps, and the flag was folded and presented to Best. The pall bearers lowered the coffin into the ground next to the "grave site" from last year's ceremony, just outside the Navy corpsman student barracks.

Then the 15 NMTSC 2012 CPOs each



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*(Above and below) SAN ANTONIO -- Chief Petty Officers from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC) conducted their second annual Navy white hat burial ceremony as part of the celebration of the 120th Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Birthday April 1 on board the Army/Air Force Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston. The ceremony was designed to recognize the 120 year history of the chief petty officer as well as showcase the pride and professionalism of the Navy to staff, faculty and students at the NMTSC, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command and the Medical Education and Training Campus.*

shoveled dirt over the coffin.

"The Chief Petty Officer 365 (training) process provides examples of great naval traditions, to include the chief selectees saying goodbye to their beloved white hats as one of the final events prior to them becoming chief petty officers," Best described to the those attending. "What we see in our

young Sailors today is the tradition of devotion and dedication the first chiefs established with their sacrifices and valor. Today's chief petty officers are no less dedicated. We prove our worth every day and continue to meet great challenges and endure adversity."

The birthday celebration theme was the birth, sustainment and future of the chief petty officer, Best said. The birth was represented by the white hat burial. The sustainment was represented when HMC(FMF/SW) Kerrigan Glaspie, a Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program (BMTCP) instructor, was reenlisted. The future was represented by a cake cutting featuring the oldest and youngest CPOs present. Closing remarks were given by the NMTSC commanding officer, and all hands present sang "Anchors Aweigh."

During his remarks, Capt. Joel Roos, NMTSC commanding officer, who was inducted as an honorary CPO in 2010, spoke about his first experience with a CPO in the 1980s as an ensign arriving to Naval Hospital San Diego for a third-year medical school clinical rotation.

"I was working in the brand new ophthal-

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mology clinic, and in my zeal to see as many patients as possible, I began to interfere with clinic operations, moving furniture and breaking established processes," Roos described. "This was to be my first encounter with a Navy chief. This chief spent the next three weeks doing his best to turn me into a presentable officer who would know something about leadership in the Navy. Although amusing, this story is quite important, as I learned at a very early stage in my career the role of the Navy chief - as a leader, a mentor and the keeper of naval tradition."

For HM1(SW/FMF) Paul Michael Linville, the celebration was inspiring and motivating.

"It was an inspiring event for all junior Sailors to take pride in the history and traditions we hold dear in the Navy," said Linville, a BMTCP instructor. "It motivated me to be a better Sailor and hope for the day when I will be the one burying my white hat."



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